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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Inquiry from Congressman Moss

1. There is attached a proposed reply to an inquiry from Congressman Moss dated 29 July 1970. This inquiry on telephone monitoring practices of Federal departments and agencies is almost identical to an inquiry dated 23 October 1961 and to which this Agency responded on 20 November 1961. The letter was printed in the Committee report of June 22, 1962, however, the report did not appear to result in any unusual interest by the Congress or the public.

2. The attached reply has been fully staffed and is consistent with the reply we made in 1961. The telephone monitoring devices referred to are rented from the telephone company, however, the main office of the telephone company does not know the location of these instruments nor the names of the individuals in the Agency to whom these devices are assigned. The Agency has established controls over the telephone units within the Agency and no information is given out except with our specific approval. Our reply should be consistent with the information at the telephone company headquarters. The Legislative Counsel will contact the staff of Moss's Committee and request that Agency statistics not be specifically identified in the report but simply be carried as part of the total.

3. Your signature to this letter is recommended.

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DD/S 70-3317: Letter to the Honorable John E. Moss, Chairman, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives from Richard Helms, DCI, subj: Reply to survey of telephone monitoring practices of Federal departments and agencies dated 21 Aug 70.